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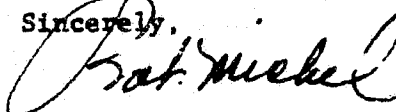
Honorable George Shultz
Secretary of State
Department of State
2201 C Street
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I have received regarding the United States Department of State's denial that the Turkish government committed a genocide against the Armenian people.

I would very much appreciate knowing your views on this issue.

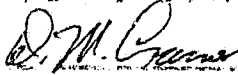
Sincerely,



Robert H. Michel
Republican Leader

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Ronald Reagan's letter to *Herewith Publications*

RONALD REAGAN

April 15, 1986

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Sixty five years ago one of the greatest tragedies in the annals of recorded history occurred when one and a half million innocent Armenian men, women and children were massacred in the shadow of Mt. Ararat.

Their only "crime" was their century-old dedication to live their lives as free Armenians, professing their Christian beliefs, in a homeland that had previously fanned Asia Minor with its prominence and power.

To this day, the Armenian Diaspora is recovering from the bloodbath of 1915. Armenians in Lebanon, Turkey, and other parts of the Middle East are still suffering from ancestral hatreds and discrimination. Armenian freedom fighters in the Armenian APR are still languishing in prisons and asylums. And in this country, the Armenian cause is still only dimly understood.

The 1980's must be that period when the voices of Americans of Armenian ancestry are heard in the councils of government. It must be that period when Americans and its allies throughout the Free World resolve that the tragedy of 1915 never again be repeated.

I join with the American Armenian community in solemn remembrance of the martyrs of 1915.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan
RONALD REAGAN